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SUBJECT: FONMIN'S VISIT TO USSR: SELECTIVE COVERAGE BY LOCAL
PRESS

1. CURRENT VISIT TO USSR OF FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR
AGUSTSSON HAS BEEN TREATED BY LOCAL PRESS IN FASHION
CHARACTERISTIC OF ICELANDIC JOURNALISM, WITH EACH PAPER
TAILORING COVERAGE OF TRIP TO ITS OWN EDITORIAL ENDS.
ONLY THE NEWS OF OIL-PRICE AGREEMENT RECEIVED UNIFORM,
FACTUAL TREATMENT IN ALL PAPERS.

2. COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEOPLES ALLIANCE THJODVILJINN
AND AGUSTSSON'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY TIMINN, HAVE CARRIED
ALSMOST DAILY STORIES ON VISIT FROM NOVOSTI WIRE SER-
VICE. THESE ARTICLES LARGELY OVERLOOKED SUBSTANCE

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AND FEATURED INSTEAD MUTUALLY COMPLIMENTARY STATEMENTS

BY AGUSTSSON AND HOSTS, PLUS LOG OF FONMIN'S ITINERARY AND APPOINTMENTS. AGUSTSSON WAS QUOTED IN THESE ARTICLES AS EXPRESSING HIS "GREAT PLEASURE" AT BEING FIRST ICELANDIC FONMIN TO VISIT USSR, TRIP HE HAD "LONG LOOKED FORWARD TO." HE SAID HE HAD ENJOYED AN "EXCEPTIONAL RECEPTION" AND "PLEASANT DISCUSSIONS" FROM WHICH HE HOPED FOR "POSITIVE RESULTS." HE TERMED ICELAND-USSR RELATIONS AS "EXCELLENT." ONLY SUBSTANTIVE POINT EMPHASIZED FROM NOVOSTI ACCOUNTS CONCERNED CSCE. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUESTION, AGUSTSSON WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "WE HAVE A POSITIVE INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE AND CONSIDER THAT IT WILL BE A STEP TOWARD PEACE. WE HOPE IT CAN CONCLUDE ITS WORK NO LATER THAN JULY 1."

3. INDEPENDENCE PARTY (CONSERVATIVE) MORGUNBLADID, BASING ACCOUNTS ON REUTERS DISPATCHES, GENERALLY LIMITED COVERAGE OF VISIT TO OIL QUESTION, WITH BRIEF REFERENCE TO FACT THAT FONMIN EXPLAINED TO SOVIETS GOI PLANS TO EXTEND FISHING LIMITS TO 200 MILES THIS YEAR. AGUSTSSON'S REPORTED REMARKS ON STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PLEASURE WITH VISIT WERE ALMOST TOTALLY IGNORED BY MORGUNBLADID.

4. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY ALTHYDUBLADID AND PRO-IP (BUT EDITORIALY INDEPENDENT VISIR GAVE VISIT ONLY ONE BRIEF ITEM APIECE.
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